

# THE "EYE"

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

APRIL-JUNE 2002

## BURGLARS ARE WATCHING YOUR HOME

There are criminals out there waiting to take advantage of an unsuspecting victim. Criminals watch and wait for the opportunity to strike. A favorite target for the criminal is an unoccupied home. Vacations give burglars time to enter a home, remove large items and search leisurely for hidden valuables.

If you are planning a vacation, take the time to protect your home while you are away. The key is to give the illusion of everyday activity. Placing your interior lights and other appliances on timers (such as a T.V. or radio) is a good method to create this illusion. Park a car half-way down your driveway to make it seem that someone is home as well as inhibit a burglar from using your

driveway as a way to access your property. Remove messages from your telephone answering machine that might indicate you are on vacation. Keep some shades and blinds up and curtains open to maintain a normal everyday appearance. Transfer valuables to a safety deposit box. Stop mail and newspaper deliveries, or have a trusted neighbor or friend collect them while you are away. Have a friend or neighbor check your home on a daily basis. Arrange to have your lawn-care continued. Hide garbage cans in the garage or apartment. Secure all doors, windows, pet entrances and garage doors. Check that no light bulbs are burned out on your indoor lamps, outdoor lighting fixtures or low voltage

systems. The Lincoln Police Department offers the free service of checking your home if you are going to be away for more than a week. A "Vacation Check" slip will be filled out and an Officer will be assigned to check your home during that time period.

The home owner is the first line of defense against the watchful eye of the criminal. Take the time to make a quick and simple check-list to prevent an unwelcome return to a damaged, violated home.

To set up a "Vacation Check" call the Lincoln Police Department at 441-



## REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

"I didn't want to bother the police," "I didn't think much about it until I read the paper the next day," "I thought I heard something, but didn't think much about it."

The above comments are all too familiar phrases police officers hear all the time. Your Lincoln Police Department values community involvement. In most cases, criminals

would have gotten away with crimes and never been caught without the aid of observant citizens. When do you need to call? Right away! What do you call in on? Anything you feel is suspicious, especially at night or odd hours. How do you describe the suspect? Keep it simple. The Police need, at a minimum, a person's sex, race or national origin,

approximate age, height, weight, and clothing description. Location information is also critical. Report exactly where, and at what time, you saw the activity and if there was a vehicle involved. Try to get a license plate or be as detailed as possible. Let's make criminals nervous and unwelcome in our neighborhoods. Together we will make a difference.

### Cut-Out Special

Use this quick reference checklist as a guide. Cut out the phone listing and place it close to your phone.

#### VACATION CHECKLIST

- Check Exterior/Interior Bulbs \_\_\_\_\_
- Stop Mail and Newspapers \_\_\_\_\_
- Lawn/Sidewalk Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Hide Garbage Cans \_\_\_\_\_
- Notify Friend/Neighbor \_\_\_\_\_
- Secure Home Valuables \_\_\_\_\_
- Set Timer Lights \_\_\_\_\_
- Check Window Shades \_\_\_\_\_
- Secure All Doors/Windows \_\_\_\_\_
- Final Home Walk-Around \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

##### In Progress/Priority: 911

- Crime Stoppers 475-3600
- Poison Center 800-955-9119
- Lincoln Police 441-7204
- Lancaster County Sheriff 441-6500
- State Patrol 800-525-5555
- FBI (Lincoln) 476-6393
- US Secret Service (Omaha) 221-4671
- Telephone Outages/Repairs 611
- Lincoln Fire Department 441-7363
- Gas Outages/Repairs 800-303-0357
- Water 441-7571
- Wastewater 441-7961
- Personal Crisis Drugs 475-5683
- Comm. Mental Health 441-7940
- Rape/Spouse Abuse 475-7273

## PET SMART SECTOR BY KRIS JOHNSON/EDUCATION OFFICER-ANIMAL CONTROL



In 1976, the people of the City of Lincoln, through their elected officials, established Animal Control laws and set up the Animal Control program to enforce them. The Animal Control program, which is a division in the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department, helps protect the health, safety and welfare of our community, including our pets.

Each year hundreds of people in Lincoln are bitten by animals. In addition to the pain and health

problems associated with bites, there is a possibility of rabies infection. Animal Control helps to prevent the spread of this dangerous disease. By law, all dogs and cats three months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies. By law, all dogs and cats six months of age or older must be currently licensed. Proof of a current rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian must be shown prior to the purchase of a license. License and rabies tags must be worn on the pet's collar or harness and are issued for one year from the month of purchase. Owners who spay or neuter their dogs and cats may purchase a license at half price every year. Dogs, by law, must be confined to the owner's property by an above-ground fence or chain. When off the owner's property, the dog

must be in a vehicle or on a leash held by the owner. A cat cannot run loose unless it has a valid license tag and has been spayed or neutered. If Animal Control picks up your dog or cat running loose, the impounded animal will be taken to the Capital Humane Society, or in some cases delivered home for a fee. Impounded animals without any tags or identification will be held for 72 hours (three days) for the owner to reclaim them. Owners will be responsible for any expenses incurred while their animal was impounded.

Cruelty to animals is against the law, as is abuse, neglect, and failure to provide adequate care, shelter, food and water. It is also illegal to intentionally abandon an animal.

The City of Lincoln also has

prohibited some unusual animals from being kept as pets, i.e., lions, tigers, wolves, wolf hybrids, coyotes, foxes, skunks, bears, monkeys, bats and poisonous reptiles and other such critters.

Citizens can report any violation to Animal Control at 441-7900 seven days a week from 7:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. Animal Control officers handle field calls from 7:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. and there is an officer on call every night for emergencies. Each call is responded to by priority, with bites and attacks being the highest. As Lincoln grows, response times increase, which is a continuing problem that Animal Control faces. With the help of you and your eyes and ears in the neighborhood, together we can help reduce animal related problems in Lincoln.

## HOW TO SPOT A METH LAB

Methamphetamine production and use has increased drastically in recent years. A very hazardous environment is created when "meth" is produced in make-shift labs; common household chemicals and over-the-counter sinus medicines that contain ephedrine, or pseudoephedrine, are used in its production. The household chemicals used are toxic and even more dangerous when mixed together and heated and include drain cleaner, starter fluid, and solvents such as paint thinner. Additional dangerous substances used by "meth" manufacturers are phosphorous from matches or road flares, lithium strips from batteries, sodium metals, and anhydrous ammonia. Fumes and residue created in the manufacturing process are extremely toxic and can explode very easily.

"Meth" labs can be easily set up in a

variety of places such as houses, motel rooms, open fields, or even inside vehicles. There are several clues that indicate a "meth" lab may be present. One indication may be a strong chemical odor that smells like cat urine, ether, ammonia, or acetone. Another may be a quantity of trash that includes antifreeze containers, starter fluid cans and red stained coffee filters. Propane cylinders, like those used for gas grills, that have a brass valve corroded a bright blue color would indicate that they have been used to store anhydrous ammonia.

Remember there may be another, reasonable, explanation for some of these occurrences but if you have any suspicion there is a "meth" lab, stay clear of the area and notify police officers immediately. There are specially trained units available to handle any suspected labs.



The Lincoln Police Department is looking for several individuals that have three or more outstanding warrants. Some of these criminals have been “ducking” the law for up to two years. We need your help in bringing all these individuals in to face up to their responsibilities. If you see any of these individuals or have tips on where Law Enforcement might locate them, please call **Crime Stoppers** at **475-3600**.



Anthony J. Labrillo W/M  
DOB: 10-28-1976  
5ft 11in, 190lbs  
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown  
**WARRANTS:** LPD/LSO  
Steal Money or Goods  
Hinder/Delay Arrest  
Assault  
Theft by Deception

Last Known Address:  
1437 Mulberry St.



Courtney Jarrod Savage B/M  
DOB: 01-07-1982  
5ft 6in, 150lbs  
Eyes: Brown Hair: Black  
**WARRANTS:** LPD/LSO  
Steal Money or Goods (x2)  
Trespassing  
Refuse to Comply w/Police

Last Known Address:  
152 N. 32 St. Apt 23



Mark Sharom Moshiri W/M  
DOB: 02-25-1977  
5ft 10in, 150lbs  
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown  
**WARRANTS:** LPD/LSO  
Disturbing the Peace  
DWI  
Negligent Driving  
Suspended Driving (x2)

Last Known Address:  
916 Y St.



INDIVIDUAL(S)  
LOCATED TAKEN TO  
JAIL OR WARRANTS  
WERE TAKEN CARE



Calvin James Crocker W/M  
DOB: 08-21-1970  
5ft 10in, 170lbs  
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown  
**WARRANTS:** LPD/LSO  
Disturbing the Peace x 2  
Trespassing x 2  
Urinating in Public  
Consume Alcohol in Public  
Possession Drug Paraphernalia  
Parks Violation

Last Address:  
2410 Vine St #2



Kerisse D. Stubblefield B/F  
DOB: 10-15-1979  
5ft 7in, 150lbs  
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown  
**WARRANTS:** LPD/LSO  
3 separate warrants for Suspended  
Driving  
Vandalism  
Narcotics/Intent To Deliver

Last Address:  
706 S. 46 St.

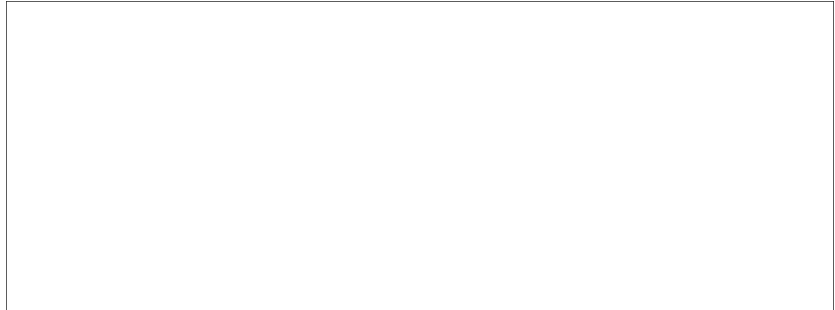
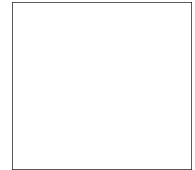


Warrants current as of  
3-7-2002.

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LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT  
CRIME PREVENTION  
575 S. 10 ST.  
LINCOLN NE, 68508

*Return Service Requested*



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***CAPTAIN'S CORNER*** ***BY CAPT JOY CITTA/CENTER TEAM***

In the almost 27 years since I first became a police officer the national attitude about drunk driving has changed dramatically. Back in those first few years, drinking and driving was often seen as a harmless crime. But thanks to dedicated people all over this country, awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving are now well known. At the Lincoln Police Department we don't stop our efforts with DWI arrests. Over the last several years our officers have been active in a variety of ways to impact excessive drinking and the over service of alcohol.

Wild party projects have been some of the most effective details that officers have conducted. Working with neighborhoods to maintain the quality of life, these projects have helped keep trash, noise, parking violations, disturbances and problems at a very low level.

We also conduct alcohol and tobacco compliance checks at businesses. During a compliance check we make sure that minors are not able to purchase substances that are illegal for them to have. We also look for those who would purchase alcohol or tobacco for youth and hold them accountable for their actions.

Last year Chief Casady and Sheriff Wagner sent letters to the parents of graduating seniors asking them to not make alcohol products available to minors during celebratory events they may be hosting. We believe that all of these letters arrived at their targeted audience because none of

them were sent back to the Police or Sheriff's office.

An organization called the Responsible Hospitality Council (RHC) meets regularly in Lincoln and sponsors community forums on topics of interest to the community and the liquor industry. Membership includes licensed establishments, law enforcement, educators, community activists, and liquor distributors.

Each owner of a licensed liquor establishment is required by city law to attend a training class from the RHC as part of the issuance of a liquor license; training is renewed every three years. Lincoln is the only city in Nebraska to require this type of training.

You can help us with these efforts. Please be a responsible host when you have events at you home or business. Make sure you have food or snacks available when alcohol is served. Having alternative drinks available gives your guests more choices. Don't let friends, family or acquaintances drink and drive; help them find an alternative. This helps ensure everyone's safety.

Lincoln has so many different groups and organizations taking an active role in making the service of alcohol a responsible hospitality choice. If you would like more information on any of the programs please contact me at 441-7751 or the Responsible Hospitality Council at 437-7880.